GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1259
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FINANCIAL CONDITION OF PMF
PATY RIPPLE KYNDIAH

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Commandos do odd jobs to make ends meet` appearing in the Times of India, New Delhi dated September 30, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the measures the Government propose to take to improve the precarious financial condition of the para-military forces of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): As per report received from the Govt. of Gujarat, contents of the Press report quoted in the question are not true.Constables of State Police with 5 years service are included as Commandos of State Police ForceAt this stage they get Rs. 3,100/- as basic pay. In addition they get DA at prescribed rates and Special Pay @45% of pay. They also get House Rent Allowance, Compulsory Local Allowance and extra salary for duty performed on holidays. In case of death on active duty, they are insured for Rs. 15 lakh by State Govt. This amount is much higher than exgratia payable to CPMF personnel.

(c): Does not arise.